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## **Utah Supports National Preparedness Month 2010**

**Salt Lake City, Utah** – The State of Utah has joined a national effort during September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies and disasters. This year marks the seventh annual National Preparedness Month sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) *Ready* campaign.

During the month of September, the Utah Department of Public of Safety's Division of Homeland Security will be working with government agencies, non-profit organizations and the local business community to promote various activities, tips, resources and information that encourage emergency preparedness.

Be Ready Utah is the State of Utah's emergency preparedness campaign managed by the Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security. The campaign is designed as a bottom-up approach with the focus on an individual's responsibility to prepare for various kinds of emergencies and disasters.

Several public and private organizations will be joining the *Be Ready Utah* exhibit at the Utah State Fair September 9 – 13. *Be Ready Utah* week (September 13 – 18) will focus on encouraging families, businesses, government, schools and other organizations to support the *Be Ready Utah* challenge:

- ✓ Make a Plan
- ✓ Get a Kit
- ✓ Be Informed
- ✓ Get Involved

For more information on the *Be Ready Utah* campaign, Utah preparedness events during September and simple tips to become prepared for emergencies and disasters, please visit <a href="http://bereadyutah.gov">http://bereadyutah.gov</a>.

